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## CIRCULAR

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### RE: CENTRE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**Purpose:** The purpose of this circular is to inform and update the industry about the Centre for Dispute Resolution (CDR) services' in addressing the backlog.

**Background:** As you are or may be aware that the MEIBC is currently experiencing a backlog at The CDR following the service provider withdrawing their contract in March 2016. To address these challenges, we have explored and employed some interventions to mitigate the effects of these challenge.

Part of the planned interventions will include the following:

- We will be conducting bulk conciliations and arbitration rolls, whereby parties will be called to attend cases for the day and processes being dealt with by way of a roll call.

We request parties to advise and communicate with their members and representatives accordingly. This will assist the CDR administratively and will help in minimising costs.

Parties are also encouraged to call only the crucial witnesses in arbitrations in order to minimise time allocation and for effective use of our limited resources.

Please also note that short notice postponements of cases are costing the Council severely and therefore we are pleading to parties to ensure they file applications for postponement and or agreements timeously to accommodate the rescheduling of booked commissioners within allowed time frames.

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